

REMARKS

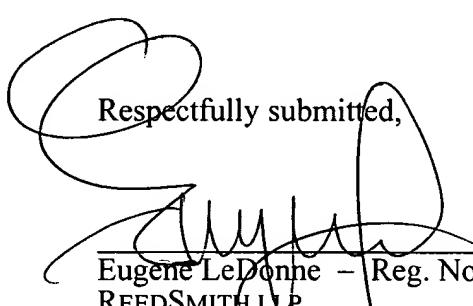
Claims 1-20 stand previously canceled. Claims 21-47 are currently pending. The Examiner contends that the application contains three patentably distinct inventions:

- I: Claims 21-45, drawn to a method of providing software to a client system and using the software to connect to a target network via a host system, classified in class 709, subclass 203;
- II: Claim 46, drawn to a system comprising a host system, a client system, and matching means for establishing a connection with a target network via the client when host and client system requirements match and via the host when the requirements do not match, classified in class 709, subclass 227; and
- III: Claim 47, drawn to a cooperative network system comprising a cooperative agent capable of examining membership information and a matching means that creates a tunnel controlled by the host system, classified in class 709, subclass 223.

Restriction Requirement (12/19/07), P. 2.

Applicant provisionally elects to proceed with claims 21-45.

Based upon the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact him at the number indicated below.

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